

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A titanium dioxide pigment ~~containing~~ comprising an anatase type crystal in an amount of 98-100% and said pigment being particles having an average particle diameter in the range of 0.2-0.4 μm and a whiteness in the range of 95-97 in terms of L value of linseed oil.

Claim 2. (Original) A titanium dioxide pigment according to claim 1 which contains 50-100% by weight of particles having a particle diameter in the range of 0.2-0.4 μm .

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) A titanium dioxide pigment according to claim 1 ~~in~~ which contains sulfate group wherein the content of the sulfate group is not more than 0.1% by weight calculated as SO_4 .

Claim 4. . (Currently Amended) A titanium dioxide pigment according to claim 1, wherein the surface of said particles ~~which~~ is coated with at least one compound selected from an inorganic compound and an organic compound.

Claim 5. (Original) A titanium dioxide pigment according to claim 4, wherein the inorganic compound is at least one compound selected from

aluminum compound, silicon compound, zirconium compound, tin compound, titanium compound and antimony compound.

Claim 6. (Original) A titanium dioxide pigment according to claim 5, wherein the inorganic compound is at least one compound selected from oxide, hydrated oxide, hydroxide and phosphate salt.

Claim 7. (Original) A titanium dioxide pigment according to claim 6, wherein the coating amount of each inorganic compound is in the range of 0.05-15% by weight.

Claim 8. (Original) A titanium dioxide pigment according to claim 4, wherein the organic compound is at least one compound selected from polyhydric alcohol, alkanolamine or derivative thereof, organosilicon compound, and higher fatty acid or metal salt thereof.

Claim 9. (Original) A titanium dioxide pigment according to claim 8, wherein the total coating amount of the organic compound is in the range of 0.01-5% by weight.

Claim 10. (Currently Amended) A method for producing an anatase type titanium dioxide pigment comprising, ~~by calcination of a hydrous titanium oxide with heating in the presence of a calcination treating agent, the method comprises~~

calcining ~~the~~ particles of a hydrous titanium oxide by heating it at a temperature of not lower than 800°C and lower than 1000°C, using ~~as the~~ calcination treating agents of an aluminum compound corresponding to 0.02-0.2% by weight calculated as Al_2O_3 , a potassium compound corresponding to 0.2-1% by weight calculated as K_2O and a phosphoric acid compound corresponding to 0.02-0.5% by weight calculated as P_2O_5 based on the weight of TiO_2 in the hydrous titanium oxide, the ratio $\text{K}_2\text{O}/\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$ being in the range of 1.5/1-10/1.

Claim 11. (Original) A method for producing a titanium dioxide pigment according to claim 10, wherein the hydrous titanium oxide has a particle diameter of 0.001-0.01 μm .

Claim 12. (Original) A resin composition comprising a titanium dioxide pigment and a resin component wherein the titanium dioxide pigment contains an antase type crystal in an amount of 98-100%, has an average particle diameter in the range of 0.2-0.4 μm and has a whiteness in the range of 95-97 in terms of L value of linseed oil.

Claim 13. (Original) A resin composition according to claim 12, wherein the titanium dioxide pigment contains 50-100% by weight of particles having a particle diameter in the range of 0.2-0.4 μm .

Claim 14. (Original) A resin composition according to claim 12, wherein the resin component is a paint resin, an ink resin or a plastic resin.

Claim 15. (Original) A resin composition according to claim 12 which contains the titanium dioxide pigment in an amount of 0.5-10 parts by weight based on 1 part by weight of the paint resin component.

Claim 16. (Original) A resin composition according to claim 12 which contains the titanium dioxide pigment in an amount of 0.5-10 parts by weight based on 1 part by weight of the ink resin component.

Claim 17. (Original) A resin composition according to claim 12 which contains the titanium dioxide pigment in an amount of 0.05-2 parts by weight based on 1 part by weight of the plastic resin component.